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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR CARTER'S STATEMENT ON US CHINA POLICY

1. ACCORDING TO A REUTERS REPORT, GOVERNOR CARTER MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ABOUT US CHINA POLICY ON SEPTEMBER 14 IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THE STATEMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED WIDE-SPREAD TREATMENT IN MAJOR US NEWSPAPERS.

2. CARTER'S REMARKS AS REPORTED BY REUTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS

QUOTE: PHOENIX, ARIZONA, SEP 14, REUTER - JIMMY CARTER SAY THE UNITED STATES "ULTIMATELY" SHOULD ESTABLISH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA ONCE THE QUESTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF TAIWAN IS RESOLVED.

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QUOTE: AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE HERE LAST NIGHT, MR.

CARTER TOLD REPORTERS: "I THINK ULTIMATELY IT'S INCUMBENT UPON US TO ESTABLISH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (SIC)."

QUOTE: BUT THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ABIDE BY ITS TREATIES WITH THE TAIWAN GOVERNMENT. "I WOULD LIKE TO STRENGTHEN TRADE RELATIONS (WITH CHINA) AND TO MAKE IT AGREE AND TO HONOR THE INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE AND NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN," HE SAID.

QUOTE: HE MADE THE COMMENT SEVERAL DAYS AFTER SAYING, IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG'S DEATH, THAT IF ELECTED HE WOULD NOT TRAVEL TO PEKING IN THE EARLY PART OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, ADDING IT WAS TIME FOR CHINA'S LEADERS TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE. HABIB

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